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AMENDMENT REVISED IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NONCOMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Patent and Trademark Office
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a revision of the Amendment sent June 18, 2004 and this document should be substituted for the prior amendment.

This response is to the election/restriction requirement, amends the claim, and argues that the structures now claimed are patentable over the art of record.

This response contains a complete listing of all claims, the text of all claims, including withdrawn claims. New claims 9 and 10 have a status identified as "new". This fulfills the checked requirements in the Notice of Noncompliant Amendment.

Election/Restriction Requirement

Applicant affirms the election of the method claims 1-6, which the examiner searched. The reason for the requirement, as stated by the examiner, was that the apparatus as claimed could be used to practice another and materially different process such as laminating a pair of metallic foils onto opposing surfaces of a prepreg or laminating decorative paper layers onto fiberboard. That breadth of use has been narrowed in this amendment and the examiner's statements would not be pertinent to the claims as presented following. Applicant notes that the examiner's search found devices, and was not limited or directed to methods, and the claims as now presented, are directed more narrowly such that there should be no restriction requirement.